

Pleasant Grove, The Magic Residence City of Utah

IN THE year 1850, a little band of sturdy pioneers wandering southward from Great Salt Lake city in search of homes, pitched their tents in the inviting shade of a beautiful grove of cottonwoods, through which rippled a mountain stream, cool and sparkling. This grove was situated on a slightly elevated table land about 37 miles south of Salt Lake City, and from this position the travelers, after partaking of some much needed rest and refreshment, enjoyed a view of the surrounding country.

A mile or two toward the west lay Utah lake, the largest body of fresh water in the territory, its smooth surface glistening in the warm sunlight, and its broad expanse filling nearly half of Utah valley; while at a still shorter distance east of them towered Mt. Timpanogos, the loftiest peak in the Wasatch range, its proud snow-crowned summit rising 6,000 feet above their prospective resting place, and 12,000 feet above the level of the sea.

The wanderers, as might be supposed, were loath to leave the place of their encampment; the soil was fertile, the water sufficient, and the surrounding scenery all that the heart could wish; and it was only natural that when they wrote to their friends inviting them to come and share in their good fortune, they should head their letters "Pleasant Grove," a name then most appropriate and which has remained so till the present day.

Five years later, 1855, the numbers of the little band had so increased that a municipal government was deemed advisable. A charter was therefore secured from the territorial legislature and the pleasant grove at the foot of Mt. Timpanogos became "Pleasant Grove city." Henson Walker, one of the pioneers who entered Salt Lake valley on the memorable 24th of July, was elected mayor, which office he filled with honor for eight successive years. Duncan McArthur, Shadrach F. Briggs, William J. Hawley, and Elijah Mayhew were chosen as aldermen, and John G. Holman, Lewis Harvey, Samuel S. White, William S. Seely, Nathan Staker, William G. Sterrett, John G. Wheeler, Lewis Robinson and William F. Reynolds as councilors.

John Brown, another of the original pioneers, succeeded Mayor Walker, and it would be difficult to write a single page of the early history of the city in which did not occur the name of John Brown coupled always with the struggle for the triumph of the right, and the onward march of progress. Since those days the officers of the city have been many and their characteristics varied, but not one has blotted the pages of its history, or sullied the reputation of its citizens.

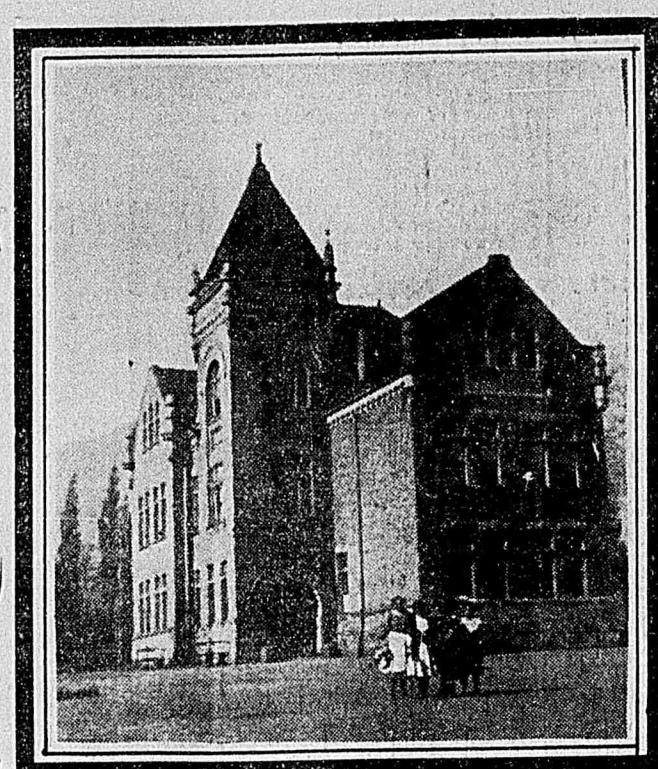
MUNICIPAL ROSTER.

Those who at the present day have charge of municipal affairs, fill with credit to themselves and satisfaction to others the position left vacant by the founders of the city. Mayor Chas. F. Westphal is ever alert to promote the interests of the community; Councilmen John C. Nelson, William R. Frampton, C. P. Larsen, Wm. W. Lim



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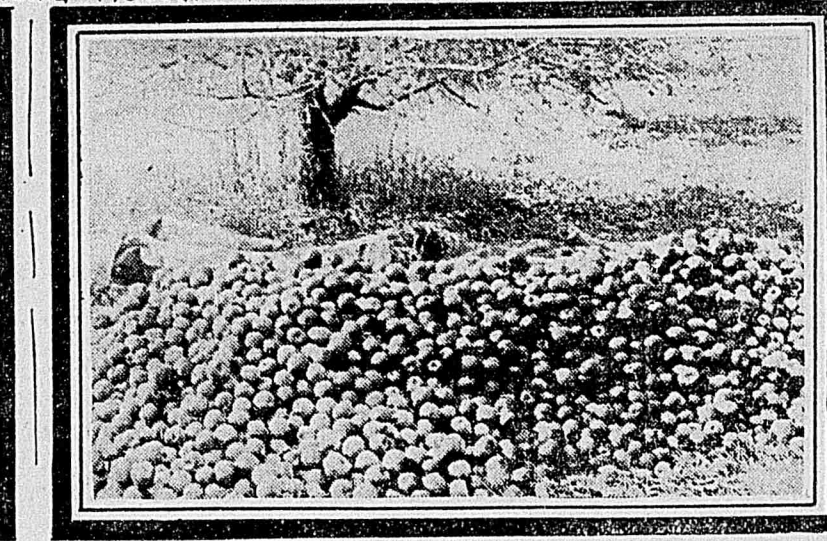


Public School Building Pleasant Grove



W. L. Hayes
Pres. Coml. Club
Pleasant
Grove

Scene in
J. D. Wadley's
Apple
Orchard
Pleasant
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Snap Shots of Thriving Pleasant Grove and Two of Her Progressive Executives.

from three acres. Many other farmers have produced crops which almost equal this.

On the low lands dairying is carried on very profitably. Thousands of gallons of milk and cream are shipped annually. There is no crop that cannot be produced on the soil. With the fruit sugar beets and fire clay, there are hundreds of car loads of products leaving the town annually. The railroad station, a new, modern structure, is one of the best paying stations on the San Pedro line.

The farmer who lives in the rural districts, is no longer isolated from the world. Each day his mail is brought to his door. A perfect network of telephones puts him within talking distance of all parts of the town or state.

ager of the Pleasant Grove Drug Co. is making a decided success of her business.

This institution has grown and increased its stock from the day their doors were first opened, until now it is one of the best equipped drug houses in the county.

Reliable goods and fair treatment is their motto—which spells success. The Bank of Pleasant Grove is well located on the head of Main street, and does a good, thrifty banking business. This institution is owned chiefly by James Chipman, but many local people own some stock. W. S. Chipman is cashier, and S. L. Swenson, assistant cashier. The bank is on sound financial footing and has a large list of local depositors. The upper floors of the building are occupied by doctors and dentists. In these professions the town is well supplied.

GOOD HOTELS.

The town is not without good hotel conveniences. Jacob Smith, proprietor of the Smith House, has a newly modeled hotel building of 29 rooms, well equipped with all modern conveniences such as electric lights, water system, baths, etc. A good sample room and livery business is operated in connection with this hotel. It is located near the head of Main street and in the business heart of town.

Miss Sadie Mayben also conducts a hotel and boarding house. There is here also a good, clean, short order restaurant operated by Mr. F. E. Hecker, one block east of the bank corner.

Anyone with a few leisure moments can't afford to miss calling at "Toney's Place" for light refreshments. Ole Anderson owns and manages a thrifty harness and saddle store on Main street. Mr. Anderson occupies his own new brick store and is well prepared to supply all demands in his line.

MODERN FLOUR MILL.

Pleasant Grove is equipped with one of the best flour mills in the state, owned and operated by Albert E. Cooper, who has made a decided hit in his line of business. He not only supplies all of Pleasant Grove but his "Big C" flour is a household word in Lehi, American Fork and Provo. He has the contract for furnishing the state mental hospital, which was awarded more on merit than on price.

CULLIMORE MER. CO.

In Lindon there is also to be found an up-to-date hustling merchant in the person of A. L. Cullimore, manager of the Cullimore Mercantile company. This institution has rapidly grown and yearly increased its stock, until a clean inventory of general merchandise is to be had here as well as in the heart of any city. The locality bids fair to become the great fruit center of Utah county.

W. A. Boulter also carries a full line of staple groceries and all kinds of butcher meats. His place of business is in Lindon.

THORNTON LUMBER CO.

The Thornton Lumber company carries a full line of all kinds of building material so that those contemplating building need not go from home to be supplied. He also deals in coal of all kinds and is located near the San Pedro depot. His place of business is in Lindon. He is also located on San Pedro track. All kinds of coal are carried in his yards.

BIG DANCE HALL.

One of the most modern and well equipped dancing pavilions in the state is in the charge of J. H. Clark. Clark is just completing a \$20,000, dancing hall adjoining the city grove. This hall is built of pressed brick and is 60 by 120 feet with a spring dancing floor 50 by 100 feet, with reception rooms, baths, toilets and all modern equipments in connection. It will contain a gallery for spectators. Good workmen and artisans in every branch of business are numerous. The Williamson Bros. & Christiansin, the blacksmiths at the head of Main street are competent workmen. So also are the Fugal Brothers, who are not only blacksmiths, but plumbers and implement dealers.

A. H. Olpin owns and operates a good planing mill, where all sash work and turned work in wood is neatly finished. F. S. Humphries as painter and paper hanger is kept constantly busy in his trade.

There are three brick yards operated here, the first being the Pleasant Grove Pressed Brick company, also Ellis & Christiansin, and in Lindon the Anderson Bros. Each of these companies makes a brick that is fit for any dwelling.

L. W. Lund is an importer of choice thoroughbred horses. Each year he imports 10 or 12 of the best animals obtainable. Mr. Lund is at present in the state of Kansas, where he has sold a number of animals.

Chas. B. Harper is not only a producer of choice fruits of all kinds, but also deals extensively in nursery trees and shrubbery of all valuable kinds. R. D. Wadley & Bros. have an "empire" of their own. They have one of the largest orchards in the county which produces several car loads of fruit annually. They also have a mountain of fire clay from which they ship two to three cars daily the year around.

The famous Geneva Lake resort and dancing pavilion is only about two miles from this fair city, so that during the summer evenings hundreds of people drive down to the cool water's edge, where they may bathe, boat ride or dance, and thus break the monotony of daily life. In fact, the city is an ideal spot in the ideal part of Utah county, which means the choicest spot in the fair state for residence purposes.

FRUIT INDUSTRY.

Situated as it is on the western slope of the Wasatch range, on the eastern side of the Utah valley, Pleasant Grove is splendidly equipped for the production of all kinds of fruit that can be raised in the central and northern part of the state.

Its soil, composed largely of decomposed limestone and vegetable matter, is ideal for the production of fruit, rich in flavor, and beautiful in color. No other section in the state can surpass this in the excellence and delicious flavor of its fruits.

Lying close against the mountains it is protected from the cold winds. Remarkably free from late and early frosts. Many years in the past the fruit growers harvest abundant crops when killed in other parts of the valley. This fact alone makes it a very desirable location for the fruit grower.

There is at present about 2,500 acres planted in peaches, apples, cherries, pears, plums, apricots, grapes and berries. Several hundred acres of this amount having been planted in the last two years. The largest single tract recently planted is that owned and operated by a company consisting of Dr. John A. Whitson and Dr. E. D. Hall, president and director of the Agricultural college, and Prof. Homer of the B. Y. university and consists of 100 acres. The crop of this favored locality, the present season has been very heavy and the fruit growers to get it marketed.

One hundred and fifty cars have been shipped to the eastern market, many of the wagon loads have found a market in Salt Lake City and in the adjacent mining camps, and at the canneries.

LABOR IS SCARCE.

Scarcity of help in the orchards has been the cause of much of this season's crop going to waste. It is safe to say that this season's crop properly marketed would have amounted to \$100,000.

Pears do remarkably well here. The year A. R. Frampton, coal dealer, from the year blight which has almost entirely destroyed this industry in other parts of the state. The yields are immense. Hon. J. D. Wadley, who is the largest Bartlett pear producer in this section has harvested 1,000 bushels per acre the present season.

John R. Richens, another large pear grower received over \$1,000 for his crop from four acres.

RETURNS FROM BERRIES.

Berry raising is becoming also a profitable branch of the fruit industry and each year sees larger additions to the already extensive acreage, and good returns are realized. The net proceeds usually amount to from three to five hundred dollars per acre.

The fruit raisers here are awakening to the necessity of exterminating the pest and in the last two years much spraying has been done.

Peaches grow here to perfection in flavor and are known as the best in the state. Bartlett pears are produced in the largest quantities and in the adjacent mining camps, and at the canneries.

present season. Many others have realized nearly as heavy returns and peach growing promises to become a very profitable industry.

With good shipping facilities and plenty of land splendidly adapted for horticulture, which can be purchased at reasonable prices and with all a climate which insures a crop nine seasons out of every ten, Pleasant Grove will be found to be an ideal spot and a paradise for a fruit raiser.

The fruit output will more than double itself within the next four years. Large packing houses and canneries will also be erected in the near future.

THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

For years Pleasant Grove has ranked among the first towns of the state in the education of her boys and girls. Every citizen of Utah county will tell you how in the past eight or 10 years Pleasant Grove has graduated the better eighth grade, a performance which she bids fair to repeat again this year. Not only do the students themselves take a live interest in school affairs, but the citizens and business men also support education in a very substantial manner, as is shown in the way the school district has prospered financially. The patriotic citizens have erected one of the finest school buildings in the state, and which has been in use for a number of years. In addition to the building just described, which houses the upper grades and the high school, the town still maintains the old schoolhouse in good condition, for the lower grades. Another new building is to be erected this year in the northern, or Manila section of the district, and in the southern, or Lindon section, the residents have been using their new building for five years. In all, the Pleasant Grove school district supports four schools, one in Manila, one in Lindon, and two in Pleasant Grove City, all of which are under the direction of one, able district supervisor.

The town feels that in James H. Walker it has a supervisor of no mean ability. He is a young man, thoroughly honest, and thoroughly alive to the needs of education. The school population of Pleasant Grove is 548, of which number 70 are enrolled in the various schools; of the remaining number, who should be in school, 40 have been graduated from the eighth grade.

The town is also justly proud of its High school. From the most obscure beginning two years ago, the High school has grown until it now supports a three year course, with an enrollment

to date of 55 students. The High school has been extremely fortunate, during its short history, in securing wide awake principals, who, in addition to being excellent teachers, are also boosters. An eastern lady and holder of a degree, who is now Mrs. Dr. Vance and still a resident of Pleasant Grove, was its first principal. In conjunction with Supervisor Walker she launched the school under very unfavorable circumstances.

H. W. Soule, B. A., a Utah man, graduate of the class of '96 at the University of Utah, who is now principal of the American Fork High school, was principal last year. Mr. Soule did much to advance the school, and to create in the town a sentiment in favor of high school work. This year the school is principally by another young Utah man

The fee was inaugurated this year and the students and patrons are well satisfied with it. As a result of the fee charged the students are more regular in attendance and too, more are inclined to take a full course, feeling no doubt, that they have something invested. The sentiment and general High school spirit in the town is all that could be expected.

In the person of Miss Katherine Harvey, the district is favored with an art supervisor second to none in the county schools. This talented lady, in addition to being an artist of ability, is a teacher of experience. The new music teacher, Alma Paxman of Provo, is making a commendable beginning. He is working with the teachers at their weekly meetings and with the pupils. Miss Florence Packard, a graduate of the normal school, is doing commendable work as supervisor of music in the Lindon school.

In every department the same general stamp of efficiency is observable. The school board has no complaints to make or no apology to offer for any one of its teachers. Indeed the board itself, is composed of hard-earned, practical men, who know what is good and bad in a teaching market, and in consequence make selections that are in general satisfactory. The board is deeply interested in all of the doings of the schools and leaves no stone unturned which makes for their betterment.

AMERICA, THE THRONE OF THE WORLD.

America is the throne of the world. On her east is the greatest ocean of the present; on her west is the greatest ocean of the future; on her south the greatest of gulfs; on her north the greatest of lakes. She can command the trade of the world in material things; she can lead the march of the nations in spiritual things, writes Senator Albert J. Beveridge, in Appleton's Magazine for November. Let us do both. With more schools where the learning of man is taught, more churches where the word of God is preached, more nerve and brain and pure resolve than all the world combined, let us keep the leadership that now is ours and captain mankind to the practical realization of humanity's highest hopes.

A NEW PROFESSION.

A girl living in a suburb of a large city is patronized by a growing circle of overtaxed home makers as a professional cleaner. She works on the contract plan, managing either the cleaning of an entire house, as in the spring or fall, or of a single room or suite at any time in the year. She engages men and women to do the heavy work, but gives them close supervision, the contractor is responsible for picture and bric-a-brac, and the "lady of the house" is relieved from all care. She does not even need to be at home with the work in progress. The professional cleaner makes a study of the best methods and appliances and makes all necessary arrangements. For example, if rugs are to be cleaned by the pneumatic process it is she who secures the apparatus, with the men to run it, and personally directs the work—Good Housekeeping.

KEEP YOUR HORSE HEALTHY.

Good ventilation and cleanliness are two of the most important items in keeping a horse healthy; the stable, though warm, should never become stuffy, and there should always be free cross ventilation provided at the highest possible point to carry off the



PLEASANT GROVE MERCANTILE COMPANY.

and J. F. Foutz have each the sterling qualities which fit them for their work of government.

As might be supposed in view of the above mentioned facts, Pleasant Grove has grown steadily in wealth, culture, and population. The few original settlers have multiplied and increased till they have reached the number of 3,000; the little stream on which they camped seems also to have swollen in volume for joining with other streams it now spreads over hundreds of acres of fertile fields till the surrounding country might well be called the land of plenty; and though the cottonwood grove from which the city derived its name can no longer be seen, the name is still appropriate for the groves, larger and more profitable if not more beautiful, have taken its place.

PINE WATER SYSTEM.

During recent years Pleasant Grove has been fast assuming a metropolitan air. She has been combining the conveniences of the city with the pleasures of the country. Her streets and her residences are well lighted with electricity; and being a joint stockholder with other cities, she practically owns her own light and power plant, that has also a system of waterworks that are at once the pride of her inhabitants and envy of her neighbors; the pipe lines of which extending to nearly every residence, have a total length of about 10 miles.

Though this system cost the city about \$35,000, the fact that it is fed by the pure waters of Battle Creek canyon which have their origin in the glaciers of Mount Timpanogos, so well repay the people for the expenditure of their money that everybody considers the investment a most profitable one. Therefore the Pleasant Grove of the future will be a most suitable dwelling place for those who desire health, wealth, and prosperity. Town property is scarce and no more ideal residence city can be found on the face of the earth. There are facilities to accommodate twice the present population.

Stretching outside of the city property are fertile fields which extend from the base of the mountain to the shores of Utah lake. No more productive soil can be found. Agriculture in its varied forms, returns to the husbandman, abundant crops for his till. Night in the very heart of the mountain, Mr. B. F. Walker is harvesting an average of 45 bushels of wheat from his dry farm land. Mr. Charles G. Johnson, another thrifty farmer, won the prize last year for the heaviest tonnage of sugar beets per acre. He raised over 32 tons of beets per acre or practically 99 tons

so that he is able to enjoy the combined pleasures of country life with city conveniences.

Surely no more happy and prosperous people can be found anywhere.

Pleasant Grove, though one school district, is divided ecclesiastically into three wards, which are, Pleasant Grove ward, Lindon ward, and Manila ward, respectively under the jurisdiction of Bishop S. L. Swenson, Bishop A. L. Cullimore and Bishop Howard B. Warnick.

MERCANTILE COMPANY.

Pleasant Grove is not without her share of business houses. Most prominent among which is the Pleasant Grove Mercantile Co., the pioneer mercantile house of this city. It has a floor space of 60x80 feet. It has grown under the supervision of Mr. W. L. Hayes, the present manager, from a very small concern to its present magnitude. All kinds of general merchandise and implements are carried by this institution, which is one of the largest in the north end of Utah county.

CLARK BROTHERS.

Mr. Wm. E. Clark, who succeeds Clark Bros., also conducts a thriving mercantile business. This institution has recently made some up-to-date improvements, which bespeak thrift and progression. Mr. Clark is also owner and manager of the Clark Opera House, a well equipped amusement hall for both theatrical and dancing purposes.

AYDELOTTE & SONS.

Messrs. J. P. Aydelotte & Sons succeed J. E. Thorne in the mercantile business. These people came here from Colorado about 18 months ago and have made many friends, and are operating a live, active mercantile house which bids fair to make a success. Many improvements have been inaugurated since this firm changed hands.

No one need go away from home to be well served.

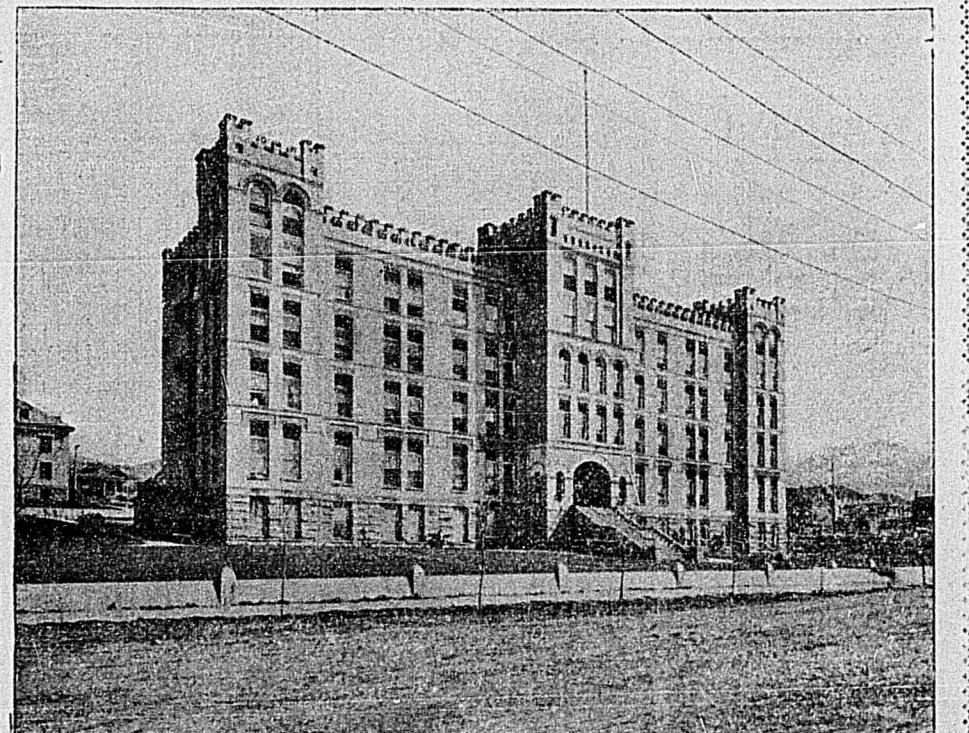
W. R. MASON STORE.

W. R. Mason, recently from Louisiana, is conducting a thrifty general store, furnishing, clothing and shoe store in a new brick building adjoining the bank, in the best part of town. For up-to-date haberdashery one need only come here. Mr. Mason's stock is all crisp and new, where the most fastidious may be well suited, and courteously treated.

Mr. Mason has faith in the future of the city.

Mrs. Zina Dunn, the courteous man-

Dr. W. H. Groves
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